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Newly released documents expose CIA's dark MKULTRA mind-control experiments.

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- The CIA's MKULTRA program, a Cold War-era initiative, aimed to develop mind-control techniques through unethical experiments on unwitting hu
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- Over 1,200 declassified documents reveal the program's disturbing scope, confirming its unethical practices and the CIA's deliberate destruction of evidence in 1973, ordered by then-CIA Director Richard Helms and Sidney Gottlieb.
- Experiments often targeted ordinary citizens, with federal narcotics agent George White conducting tests on unsuspecting individuals using LSD in CIA safehouses, justified as necessary for national security.
- The CIA used prestigious institutions like Georgetown University Hospital as testing grounds, developing substances to induce illogical thinking, impulsiveness and reversible disease symptoms for deception purposes.
- MKULTRA's techniques influenced CIA interrogation practices globally, raising ongoing ethical questions about national security. The program's revelations highlight the need for transparency, accountability and vigilance in intelligence operations.

The *Central Intelligence Agency*'s (CIA) infamous MKULTRA program, a Cold War-era initiative aimed at developing mind-control techniques, has long been shrouded in secrecy and controversy. Now, a newly released collection of over 1,200 documents, published by the National Security Archive and ProQuest, sheds further light on the disturbing reality of this program. The revelations confirm what many have long suspected: the CIA's experiments on human subjects were not only unethical but also deeply unsettling in their scope and ambition.

The MKULTRA program, conducted primarily in the 1950s, sought to explore methods of manipulating and reprogramming the human mind. The newly released documents reveal that the CIA employed a range of extreme techniques, including the use of drugs like LSD, hypnosis, sensory deprivation and even physical methods to induce shock and confusion. These experiments were often conducted on unwitting American citizens, raising serious ethical and legal questions.

The collection, titled "CIA and the Behavioral Sciences: Mind Control, Drug Experiments and MKULTRA," includes records that survived a deliberate effort by the CIA to destroy evidence of the program. According to the National Security Archive, then-CIA Director Richard Helms and Sidney Gottlieb, head of the agency's Technical Services Staff, ordered the destruction of most MKULTRA documents in 1973. However, the surviving

records paint a chilling picture of the agency's decades-long pursuit of mind-control capabilities.

One of the most alarming aspects of MKULTRA was its use of unwitting human subjects. Federal narcotics agent George White, operating under the alias "Morgan Hall," conducted approximately 40 tests in CIA safehouses, dosing unsuspecting individuals with LSD to study its effects on behavior and interrogation techniques. These experiments, which often targeted ordinary citizens, were justified by Gottlieb and Helms as necessary for national security.

The documents also reveal that the CIA used philanthropic organizations and prestigious institutions as fronts for its experiments. Georgetown University Hospital, for instance, served as a testing ground for MKULTRA projects. A memo from the CIA's Technical Services Staff details discussions between agency officials, including Director Allen Dulles, about the cost-effectiveness of using the hospital for such purposes. The memo lists various "materials and methods" under development, including substances designed to promote "illogical thinking and impulsiveness" and others capable of simulating reversible disease symptoms for deception purposes.

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Not all CIA personnel supported the program. Some officers raised moral objections, particularly regarding MKDELTA, a subproject aimed at operationalizing MKULTRA techniques. According to one document, these objections hindered progress. Senior officials, including Inspector General John Earman and Deputy Director Gen. Marshall Carter, criticized the program's lack of oversight and the poor conditions of testing facilities.

The MKULTRA program's existence only became widely known in 1975, during the Church Committee's investigation into intelligence abuses. The newly released documents underscore the extent to which the program operated with approval from the highest levels of government but without proper accountability.

The legacy of MKULTRA extends far beyond the Cold War. As author Stephen Kinzer notes, the techniques developed under the program were later used in CIA interrogation practices in Vietnam, Latin America, Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantanamo

Bay. The program's influence on modern intelligence operations raises troubling questions about the ethical boundaries of national security efforts.

The release of these documents serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of unchecked government power. While the CIA has stated that MKULTRA was shut down more than 40 years ago and that declassified information about the program is publicly available, the revelations underscore the need for continued vigilance and transparency in intelligence operations.

As Americans, we must demand accountability from our institutions and ensure that such abuses are never repeated. The MKULTRA program is a dark chapter in our nation's history, but it also serves as a cautionary tale about the perils of sacrificing ethical principles in the name of security.

The National Security Archive's collection is a vital resource for understanding the full scope of the CIA's mind-control experiments. It is a sobering reminder that the pursuit of power, unchecked by morality, can lead to profound and lasting harm. As we reflect on these revelations, we must reaffirm our commitment to upholding the values that define us as a nation.

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